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Draft Version of Community Vision Complete *Public Encouraged to Vote and Provide Feedback*

FREDERICK, Md. – Frederick County residents can weigh in on a draft vision statement outlining the county's collective dreams, aspirations and values in 2040 and beyond. The draft is based on several thousand surveys completed over the past four months by people who live or work in Frederick. The outreach is part of the Livable Frederick community-based comprehensive plan process initiated by County Executive Jan Gardner. Approximately 15,000 separate comments were submitted in the surveys to describe how respondents want Frederick to be in the year 2040. A final version of the vision statement will guide county planning over the next 25 years.

The draft overarching vision statement reads:

In one sentence, here's what you said a better Frederick County in 2040 would be:

Frederick County is a vibrant and unique community where people can live, work & thrive while enjoying a strong sense of place and belonging

There are also supporting vision statements on which public feedback is sought.

Whether you took the survey or not, you are invited to vote on whether the draft vision is right for the community. There are two ways to review the draft:

- Go to www.LivableFrederick.org anytime between September 30 through mid-October 2016; or
- Visit an open house on Saturday, Oct. 1, between 10:30 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. at one of four locations:
 - C. Burr Artz Library in Frederick;
 - Brunswick Branch Library;

- Thurmont Regional Library; or
- Urbana Regional Library.

Your feedback will be used to adjust the vision as needed. The final Shared Community Vision will be unveiled in late October.

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